

Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

New York, NY

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of New York was selected to receive assessment and revolving loan fund grants. With a population of over 8 million and very limited land available for development, New York City must reuse and redevelop brownfields to maintain the vitality of its economy and revitalize its communities. Brownfields are concentrated in industrial areas and along waterfronts and transportation corridors. The city is targeting two distressed areas in Brooklyn with a preponderance of minority residents. Sites targeted for assessment will be redeveloped to provide much needed housing. The city will continue to consult with community boards and other stakeholders for input on the redevelopment of contaminated sites.



Assessment Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of New York for a brownfields assessment grant. The city will use grant funds to assess three parcels potentially contaminated with hazardous substances in the Broadway Triangle Urban Renewal Area in Brooklyn. Petroleum grant funds will be used to assess one site in the Atlantic Terminal Urban Renewal Area in Brooklyn. Grant funds also will support community outreach.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$750,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of New York for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the city will provide loans and subgrants to conduct cleanup activities. The grant will help promote the cleanup and productive and sustainable reuse of brownfields throughout the New York metropolitan region.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields/

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of New York has received brownfields funding for assessment grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.